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## RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2007, please consider the following:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.